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SUBJECT: MEXICAN INITIATIVES ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT

REF: JONES/HOWARD TELCON SEPT 12

1. DURING SEPT 11 MEETING WITH EMBOFFS, FONSEC DIRECTOR-
IN-CHIEF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, AMB. SERGIO
GONZALEZ GALVEZ (GG), PROVIDED EMBOFFS WITH (A)
SPANISH-LANGUAGE COPY OF SPEECH HE DELIVERED IN GENEVA
TO FIRST UN PREPARATORY CONFERENCE ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS,
AND (B) TEXT OF MEXICO'S PROPOSED "PRELIMINARY OUTLINE OF
A TREATY" ON CONVENTIONAL ARMAMENTS WHICH WAS CIRCULATED
IN GENEVA SEPT 12.

2. PER TELCON, EMBASSY POUCHED SEPT 12 TEXTS OF BOTH
DOCUMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR DISTRIBUTION AS APPRO-
PRIATE.

3. GG SEEMED PLEASED WITH OUTCOME OF GENEVA MEETING. HE
CHARACTERIZED MEXICAN TREATY OUTLINE AS STEP TOWARD BUILD-
ING GREATER INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT FOR CONVENTIONAL ARMS
RESTRAINT. IN DISCUSSING DRAFT TREATY OUTLINE, GG SAID HE
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HAD FIRST INCLUDED SPECIFIC LANGUAGE REFERRING TO TRANSFER
OF ARMS RESTRAINT BUT LATER DELETED SUCH LANGUAGE BECAUSE
THIS WAS NOT THE MOST OPPORTUNE MOMENT TO PRESS THIS
POINT. GG MADE IT CLEAR, HOWEVER, THAT BAN ON TRANSFER
OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS IS HIS ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE AND
THAT MEXICAN TREATY OUTLINE AS DRAFTED IS MERELY FIRST
TANGIBLE STEP TOWARD ACHIEVING THIS OBJECTIVE.

4. EMBOFFS ASKED GG IF HE HAD ANY NEW INFORMATION RE
TIMING OF FOLLOW-UP MEETING TO AUG 21 MEXICO CITY GATHERING
ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT. HE REAFFIRMED EARLIER
STATEMENT THAT AS YET MEXICO HAS NO SPECIFIC DATE IN MIND.
GG LEFT IMPRESSION THAT IT WOULD BE SOMETIME NEXT YEAR
BEFORE SECOND LATIN AMERICAN MEETING ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS
RESTRAINT COULD BE HELD. IN THIS CONTEXT EMBOFFS ALSO
PROBED AS TO WHETHER MEXICO HAD ANY INFORMATION ABOUT
MEETING OF AYACUCHO COUNTRIES, BUT GG, IF HE HAD ANY IN-
FORMATION, DECLINED TO INDICATE OR SPECULATE WHEN AYACUCHO
COUNTRIES WOULD BE GETTING TOGETHER. HE REITERATED THAT
VENEZUELA IS THE KEY COUNTRY IN THE AYACUCHO GROUP AND
INDICATED THAT MEXICO WOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE
TOUCH WITH CARACAS ON CONVENTIONAL ARMS RESTRAINT.

5. DEPT PLEASE REPEAT TO OTHER POSTS AS APPROPRIATE.
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